

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method of using a graphical user interface of a local mail user agent for sending an electronic mail (e-mail) message, comprising: ~~under the control of a mail-user agent:~~

prompting a user to provide a first input in a first input area of the graphical user interface, wherein the first input comprises having a user providing an indication of e-mail addresses of intended message recipients; [, and]]

responsive to receiving the first input, ~~based on said indication by the user,~~ generating a list of destination e-mail addresses based on said indication; [, and]]

prompting the user to provide a second input in a second input area of the graphical user interface, wherein the second input comprises an indication of at least one e-mail address to be excluded from the list of destination e-mail addresses;

responsive to receiving the second input, modifying, by the local mail user agent, the list of destination e-mail addresses to exclude the at least one e-mail address, forming a modified list; and sending the e-mail message in accordance with the modified list.

~~causing the message to be electronically delivered to each of the e-mail addresses in the list, characterised by comprising:~~

~~enabling the user providing an indication of at least one excluded e-mail address, and~~

~~modifying the list so that the message is not delivered to the at least one excluded e-mail address.~~

2. (Currently Amended) The computer implemented method of claim 1, wherein the first input comprises ~~in which said act of having the user providing an indication of e-mail addresses of intended message recipients includes having the user globally specifying at least one pre-defined group (GROUPa)~~ of e-mail addresses, and wherein said [[act of]] generating the list of destination e-mail addresses comprises ~~includes~~ putting in the list of destination e-mail addresses each of the e-mail addresses of the globally-specified pre-defined group.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the ~~[[first]]~~ second input comprises ~~in which said act of enabling the user to provide an indication of at least one excluded e-mail address includes having the user globally specifying at least one pre-defined group (GROUPb) of e-mail~~

addresses to be excluded, and wherein said ~~[[act of]]~~ modifying the list of destination e-mail addresses ~~comprises~~ includes removing from the list of destination e-mail addresses each of the email addresses of the ~~globally-specified~~ pre-defined group of e-mail addresses to be excluded.

4. (Currently Amended) A computer program in a working memory of a computer for using a graphical user interface of a local mail user agent for sending an electronic mail (e-mail) message, comprising: ~~a mail user agent including means for:~~

a first prompting mechanism for prompting a user to provide a first input in a first input area of the graphical user interface, wherein the first input comprises ~~having a user providing~~ an indication of e-mail addresses of intended message recipients; ~~[[and]]~~

generating mechanism, responsive to receiving the first input, for ~~based on said indication by the user,~~ generating a list of destination e-mail addresses based on said indication; ~~[[, and]]~~

a second prompting mechanism for prompting the user to provide a second input in a second input area of the graphical user interface, wherein the second input comprises an indication of at least one e-mail address to be excluded from the list of destination e-mail addresses;

a modifying mechanism, responsive to receiving the second input, for modifying, by the local mail user agent, the list of destination e-mail addresses to exclude the at least one e-mail address, forming a modified list; and

a sending mechanism for sending the e-mail message in accordance with the modified list.

~~causing the message to be electronically delivered to each of the e-mail addresses in the list, characterised by comprising:~~

~~enabling the user providing an indication of at least one excluded e-mail address, and modifying the list so that the message is not delivered to the at least one excluded e-mail address.~~

5. (Currently Amended) A computer program product comprising a computer ~~readable~~ recordable media on which the computer program of claim 4 is stored.

6. (Currently Amended) A computer programmed to enable a computer user exchanging electronic mail (e-mail) messages with other computer users in a computer network, comprising:

a graphical user-interface software module enabling the user to prepare an e-mail message, the graphical user-interface software module comprising:

including first input means a first prompting mechanism for prompting a user to provide a first input in a first input area of the graphical user interface, wherein the first input comprises ~~for enabling the user to provide~~ an indication of e-mail addresses of intended message recipients; ~~[[,]]~~ and

a second prompting mechanism for prompting the user to provide a second input in a second input area of the graphical user interface, wherein the second input comprises an indication of at least one e-mail address to be excluded from the list of destination e-mail addresses;

~~and second input means for enabling the user providing an indication of at least one excluded e-mail address to be excluded from the list of destination e-mail addresses; and~~

a message compiler software module for generating a list of destination e-mail addresses, said list being generated by including all the addresses provided by the user through the first input ~~[[means]]~~ mechanism, and removing from the list all the addresses provided by the user through the second input ~~[[means]]~~ mechanism to form a modified list; and

a communication manager software module for sending the e-mail message in accordance with the modified list. ~~causing the message to be delivered to each address in the list.~~

7. (Previously Presented) The computer of claim 6, further comprising an address book manager software module enabling the user to:

create user-defined groups of prescribed recipient e-mail addresses, and

providing the indication of the e-mail addresses intended message recipients and/or the indication of the at least one excluded e-mail address to be excluded from the list of destination e-mail addresses by globally instantiating a respective user-defined group.

8. (New) The computer program in a working memory of a computer of claim 4, wherein the first input comprises at least one pre-defined group of e-mail addresses, and wherein said generating a list of destination e-mail addresses comprises putting in the list of destination e-mail addresses each of the e-mail addresses of the pre-defined group.

9. (New) The computer program in a working memory of a computer of claim 4, wherein the second input comprises at least one pre-defined group of e-mail addresses to be excluded, and wherein said modifying, by the local mail user agent, the list of destination e-mail addresses to exclude the at least one e-mail address, forming a modified list; comprises removing from the list of destination e-mail addresses each of the email addresses of the pre-defined group of e-mail addresses to be excluded.